REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 6 is added via the present Amendment and claim 2 is canceled.

35 USC § 112:

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the Examiner asserts that the phrase "the update cycle is shorter for data of a type that changes more frequently" is ambiguous. Applicant hereby amends claim 3 to clarify the language and submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would be apprised of the claim's scope, such that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gernert et at. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,694,366 [hereinafter "Gernert"]).

Gernert discloses that "synchronization and reconciliation is performed to update the information stored in the mobile computer terminal to the host computer..." (*see* col. 8, lines 5-8). Accordingly, the Examiner asserts that Gernert discloses that an "update cycle occurs" based on this disclosure. However, Applicant respectfully points out that, in Gernert, since an update cycle for information to be updated is not stored, the information is updated at random in accordance with a result of comparing the database on the mobile computer terminal with the database on the host computer. The information is not updated based on a timing which is previously set.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 4 and 5 include novel and unobvious combinations of features. To further define the claimed features, Applicants amend claim 1 to describe, *inter alia*, a third storage device for storing an update table having an update cycle for each of the plurality of data signals; and transmitting means for transmitting each of the data signals stored in said second storage device at a timing corresponding to the update cycle stored in said third storage device for each data signal. Claim 5 describes, *inter alia*, a third storage device for storing an update table having an update cycle for each of the plurality of data signals; and transmitting means for transmitting each of the data signals stored in said second storage device at a timing corresponding to the update cycle for each data signal.

Similarly, method claim 4 describes, *inter alia*, storing an update table having an update cycle for each of the plurality of data signals; and transmitting each of the data signals stored in said second storage device at a timing corresponding to the update cycle for each data signal.

Therefore, although the Examiner contends that an update cycle occurs in Gernert, Applicant respectfully submits that at least the further defined features of claims 1, 4 and 5, regarding the update table, are not disclosed by Gernert, such that the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 5 should be withdrawn. The rejection of dependent claim 2 should also be withdrawn at least due to its dependency on claim 1.

New Claim:

Applicant adds new claim 6 to obtain more varied protection for the invention. It is respectfully submitted that claim 6 is patentable over the applied art at least by virtue of its dependency upon claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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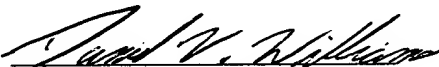
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